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## **REMARKS**

The Office action of 07/01/2005 allowed claims 87-90, 96-99 and 105-108.

All other claims that had been in the application—including claims 52, 72-78 and 82 that were pending when the Office action was issued—are now canceled. Applicants do not intend by such cancellation to have conceded that applicants necessarily agree with the grounds of rejection set forth in the various Office actions that have been issued in this case, including the rejection of claims 52, 72-78 and 82 set forth in the Office action of 07/01/2005. Rather, per the assignee's usual procedure in such cases, applicants have chosen to allow the present application to mature into an issued patent with the claims that have been allowed, preserving the right and the option to pursue the canceled claims—or claims similar thereto—in a continuation application should that prove desirable.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance, and reconsideration is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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